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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH LEBANESE MUSLEM COMMUNITY

1. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR ARRANGED LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY TRADITIONAL MOSLEM LEADERS INCLUDING PRIMIN KARAME, FORMER PRIMIN SAEB SALAM AND ABDULLAH YAFFI AND CHIA CHAMOUN DEPUTY KHASN AL-KHALIL.

2. APPROACH TO ME ON OVERALL MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM WAS ON THAT COULD BE EXPECTED FROM A GROUP OF THIS KIND. I PLEADED FOR MODERATION, CONCILIATION AND PATIENCE WITH RESPECT TO A MIDDLE EAST SOLUTION.

3. YAFFI INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM DAMASCUS AND THAT THE SYRIANS AND THE PALESTINIANS HAD REACHED A COMPLETE MEETING OF THE MINDS. WHEN ASKED IF LEBANESE LEFT WENT ALONG, YAFFI HEDGED SOMEWHAT, OBSERVING THAT IT WAS THE JOB OF THE PALESTINIANS TO CONVINCE JUMBLATT OF THE NECESSITY OF DOING SO.
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